

REMARKS

The Office examined claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-18, 20-22, 24-29, and 31-38 and rejected same. With this paper, claims are canceled so that only claims 15-17 and 32-34 remain pending.

The independent claims are 15 and 32.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

At section 6 of the Office action, claims 1-5, 7-17, 20-22, 24-33 and 35-37 are rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Carlton (US Pat. App. Pub. 2004/0203363) in view of Ollis (US Pat. 6,999,721). Of these, only claims 15 and 32 are independent and remain in the application.

Claims 15 and 32

The Office asserts that Carlton discloses the invention as in claim 15 in Figure 13 and at paragraphs 0129-0132.

Applicant respectfully submits that at paragraphs 0129-0132 Carlton discloses operation according to an "inquiry mode," 1002, depicted in Figure 10, in which the apparatus 201 of Carlton transmits inquiry messages in the form of radio signals through its Bluetooth interface. (See paragraph 0126.) Claims 15 and 32 are amended by this paper to even more distinctly claim the invention in respect to the form of communication used to place the recited call, now making even more clear that the communication is cellular, i.e. is via a cellular network. There is no indication in the cited text of equipment being used to place a call to a person via a cellular network, let alone doing so in a way that prevents the user from learning the phone number of the person being called, as required by both claims 15 and 32.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 USC §103 of claims 15 and 32 be withdrawn, and applicant also requests that the rejections of claims 16-17 and 33

also be withdrawn, by virtue of their dependencies.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

At section 4 of the Office action, claims 18, 34 and 38 are rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Carlton. Of these, only claim 34 remains pending, and now depends from claim 32. Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 34 be withdrawn by virtue of its dependency from claim 32, believed patentable over Carlton for the reasons given above.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons it is believed that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

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